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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: KATO ET AL.

Appln. No.: 10/041,693

Filed: January 7, 2002

For: WAIST ELASTIC SYSTEM WITH  
IMPROVED ELASTIC DECAY  
PROPERTIES FOR A TRAINING  
PANT

Attorney Docket No: 659-921

Client Ref. No.: 12,098.1

Examiner: Snow, Bruce  
Edward

Art Unit: 3738

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

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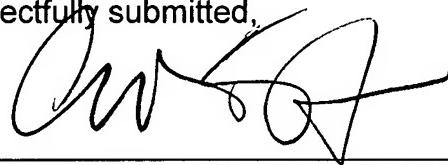
Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of the listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Applicants have provided English language Abstracts for Japanese reference JP 04-354,948A, which was previously cited by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other

information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Statement. Applicants request that the deposit account 23-1925 be debited in this amount to covering this fee, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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## **REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

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